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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK DENIES INDONESIA HAS ASKED
PHILIPPINES TO DROP SABAH CLAIM; ASEAN AND CHINA

REFS: A. JAKARTA 5463 B. JAKARTA 5174

1. ACCORDING MOST MGZSPAPERS, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK IN
REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING WITH PRESS ON MAY 9 DENIED THAT
INDONESIA HAS ASKED PHILIPPINES TO DROP THE SABAH CLAIM.
CONTRADICTING AN EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL

AIDE ALI MURTOPO (REF B) MALIK SAID THAT SUHARTO LETTER TO
MARCOS MERELY OFFERED DETAILS REQUESTED BY GOP REGARDING
INDONESIAN EXPERIENCES WITH PAST REGIONAL AND RELIGIOUS
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REBELLIONS SUCH AS DARUL ISLAM, PRRI, ETC. HE ADDED THAT THE SULU PROBLEM WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE PHILIPPINES WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES RATHER THAN BY FORCE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, MALIK POOH- POOHED POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE PHILIPPINE CLAIM AGAINST INDONESIAN TERRITORY.

2. ON SUBJECT OF CHINA, MALIK REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ASEAN MEMBES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA AT PATTAYA MEETING, BUT THAT TIMING OF APPROACHES LEFT UP TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. ANY MEMBER COULD OPEN RELATITICIPATED IN ANY SPECULATION AGAINST AN ATTACK ON U. S. DOLLAR IN RECENT CURRENCY CRISIS. FOREIGN (NON ARAB) BANKING SOURCE MENTIONED PARA 2 ALSO DOUBTED ANY INVOLVEMENT OMAN GOVERNEMENT IN RECENT MASSIVE CURRENCY TRANS-ACTIONS.
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